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important pension bills, as, for example, the attempt to pass the Dependent Pension bill over Cleveland's veto in 1887 (p. 217) a valuable contribution would have been made to the volume.

On the whole the author's decision to follow the topical plan of treatment, discussing the different acts in chronological order, is to be commended. There is one arrangement however, that cannot be reconciled—that of throwing so much important material into footnotes. Such references as the one made to the *National Tribune* (p. 150), the discussion of the Cummings-Rice controversy over the Arrears act (p. 159), the activity of claim agents in filing new pension claims following the passage of the Arrears act (p. 166), and the reference to General Paul Van Dervoort (p. 188), should all be incorporated in the body of the text.

In the appendix the author discusses briefly the passage of the War Insurance law of October 6, 1917, and gives a brief outline of its provisions and schedules.

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